

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 11th 2008

Friedrichshafen Rally

Following the success of the IRTS presence at last year's event, the Society again plans to host a stand at this year's Rally scheduled from June 27th to 29th. The objectives associated with the IRTS presence at this prestigious event may be summarised as follows: (1) To raise the image of IRTS among the other European societies. (2) To promote Ireland and things Irish among the large attendance and (3) To provide a base and resting place for IRTS members attending the Rally.

In order to draw up a roster of Irish hams visiting the Rally who might be willing to help in manning the Stand, those planning to travel are invited to send their names and contact details to Sean Donelan EI4GK. Sean's email address is "donelansean at gmail dot com". The commitment required from any individual is unlikely to be great but any assistance offered will be much appreciated.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

John McCarthy EI8JA and Nicky Madigan EI3JB will be visiting Belarus with Chernobyl Aid Ireland.

On the return journey starting on the 13th of May, they plan on being QRV from Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, England and Ireland. Operation will be on 40 metres (centered around the WAI frequency) and on 20 metres around 14.200 MHz plus or minus depending on QRM.

Cork Radio Club, Rally Venue Change

As you are probably aware by now the venue for the Cork Radio Rally has changed.

Due to the closure of the Blarney Park Hotel the club has had to move the Rally to a new location. The Hotel that CRC has selected offers the same facilities as Blarney giving even more space to accommodate more traders and amateurs.

Cork Radio Club are very much looking forward to hosting the rally this year at Montenotte Hotel, Cork on Sunday the 14th of September and hope you will share the same commitment as before in the last 16 years.

Further details will be posted with regards to the location “how to get there” etc. A short video of the venue can be viewed on “you tube” URL www.youtube.com/ei5crc

The Cork Radio Club meets every Monday night at 8.30 pm at 1a Assumption Road Cork. Further details from the club Secretary, Frank Mason EI6EVB at QTHR.

Upcoming Rallies

The Bangor and district Amateur Radio Society will hold their Summer Radio and Computer Rally at the Crawfordsburn Country Club, Bangor, Co. Down on Sunday the 15th of June. Doors open at noon and admission is free. A good selection of traders will be attending and the bring and buy will be in operation. For more information contact Bill Langtry, GI4AAM or visit www.bdars.com

CW Field Day

The IRTS CW field day will take place over the weekend of the 7th and 8th of June from 15:00 UTC on the Saturday running for 24 hours. Groups intending to compete should send details to “contestmanager at irts dot ie”. Site details should be communicated at least 10 days before the event but late entries may be accepted by phone or e-mail at the discretion of the contest manager.

Geopark Week Special Event

A number of special event stations will be active for European Geoparks Week.

GB3GEO will be on the air from The Prehistoric Caves, of “Kent’s Cavern in The English Riviera (Torbay) that is recognised as having Geo Park status. There will be a special open day at the caves on Sunday the 25th and GB3GEO will be on the air during the weekend of 24th and 25th of May, operation is on 80 metres to 2 metres and the station will be run by Martin G3VOF, with help from John G7HIK, Paddy M1EIW, and Roger 2E0GHR.

Also active will be GB1GEO in Worcester, and GB2GEO in the Highlands of Scotland and DK0GEO will be QRV from Germany.

Here in Ireland, South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV from Bunmahon, Co. Waterford which forms part of the Copper Coast Geopark. A number of events will also be happening around the Copper Coast until the 2nd of June. For more information,

visit www.coppercoastgeopark.com

Dayton Live Broadcast

Dayton Hamvention begins on Friday the 16th of May. Tom, W5KUB will again be broadcasting the event live on w5kub.com.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 087-6302026 or 051-340850. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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